



# Bitterroot National Forest

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## WILDFIRE UPDATE

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### Bitterroot NF Fire Update

**HAMILTON, MT; AUGUST 22, 2007 5:00 PM.**

There is no new fire activity to report for today.

Firefighters are making progress on the lightning-caused **South Sweeney Fire** located about six air miles west of Florence, Montana and just south of South Sweeney Creek. Five of the 10 initial attack firefighters were released earlier today making them available for future initial attack assignments. The fire is still listed at 10 acres.

The **Rombo Mountain Fire** continues to burn on National Forest System lands. Our suppression response on this fire has been dictated by the amount of dry fuels, inaccessibility, steep rocky terrain, weather, and heavy smoke. This has made fighting this fire very difficult with a high risk to firefighter safety. Recent cooler temperatures, higher humidities and smoke-free air have given firefighters an opportunity to get to areas of the fire that was not previously accessible and consequently, they are able to make more progress on their containment efforts.

Official closures of areas, roads and trails resulting from fire activity changes almost daily but keep in mind a lot of the Forest is open providing many recreation opportunities. Be sure to call the Bitterroot NF at 363-7176, or any one of our District offices, for the most current closure and fire activity information.

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